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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "AGEING: DIGNITY AND PARTICIPATION" STAMPS

1. The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the first set of stamps for 1993 on Friday, 5 February. The set of six commemorative stamps will be on the theme "Ageing: Dignity and Participation". In 1982 the General Assembly of the United Nations convened a World Assembly on Ageing.

This World Assembly adopted the Vienna Plan of Action on Ageing, which was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly. The Plan fulfilled the mandates of the General Assembly "to launch an international action programme aimed at guaranteeing economic and social security to older persons, as well as opportunities to contribute to national development, and to encourage societies to respond more fully to the specific needs of older persons". The stamps were printed by Cartor S.A. (France) by lithography in five colours. The stamps, illustrated below, were designed by C. M. Dudash, United States of America.

Each of the six stamps, in denominations of 29 cents, 52 cents, F.s. 0,50, F.s. 1,60, S 5.50 and S 7, measures 26 mm x 35.38 mm, perforation to perforation. Perforation: 14. The horizontal sheets each contain 50 stamps.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,50: 37 cents; F.s. 1,60: $1.20; S 5.50: 53 cents; S 7: 67 cents - subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

2. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet ONLY.

3. Members of delegations and staff may obtain the new stamps and first-day cancellations on Friday, 5 February, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.